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REMARKS

Claims 1, 4, and 8-10 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Linghart, et al., (U.S. 6,509,679). Claims 1 and 9 have been amended to more clearly define Applicant's invention as a picture tube having a mask frame assembly which comprises a support blade structure which receives an insert member through fastening portions. The insert member furthermore has a mask receiving edge to which the tension mask is applied.

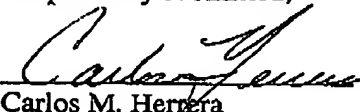
Although Linghart, et al., in Figure 8b teaches a mask that has a plurality of slits which can be secured on extruded lugs of the frame it does not teach or suggest a separate insert member which is secured to the support blade structure by a fastening portion and is capable of receiving a mask along a mask receiving edge thereof. Although Linghart et al., alternatively teaches in Figure 9A that the mask is connected to the frame through resilient elements such as a spring, that resilient element or spring does not contain a plurality of apertures as required of the insert member recited in claims 1 and 9. Since Linghart, et al., does not teach the elements of independent claims 1 and 9 they are believed to be patentably distinct. Since claims 4, 8, and 10 depend from these allowable claims they are also believed to be in condition for allowance. Reconsideration is therefore respectfully requested.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the Allowability of claims 2, 3, and 5-7.

In view of the amendments and arguments presented here Applicant submits this application to be in condition for allowance and passage thereof to issue is requested. Should the Examiner care to discuss anything to further prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned attorney for the Applicant.

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